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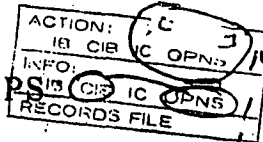
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: Wilhelm DIETRICH

RE : Investigation.

1. Pursuant to verbal instructions from the Chief of Operations this Sub-Detachment, this Agent conducted a discreet investigation of Subject's activities in Upper Austria during 1946 and 1947, where he served as a gendarme in Braunau and Grieskirchen. This investigation was predicated upon IRS from Headquarters, 430th CIC Detachment, to Chief CIC Land Upper Austria, dated 10 April 1950, Headquarters Operations Case No. 852, requesting information concerning Subject, who is Chief of the Gendarmerie Investigation Section in Vorarlberg. According to the IRS, Subject worked with CIC, Linz and Steyr, in 1946 and 1947.

2. A check with the Field Offices at Steyr, Grieskirchen, and Braunau, proved to be negative. Subject has never been a member of the gendarmerie in Steyr. He was never an informant or an employee of CIC Steyr.

3. On 2 May 1950, this Agent conducted a check of the files of this Sub-Detachment, and found the following information concerning Wilhelm DIETRICH who, in the opinion of this Agent, is identical with Subject :

a. Informal Memorandum from CIC, Upper Austria, District #2, to SAIC Braunau and Grieskirchen Sub-Sections, Subject: "Information received regarding Haag am Hausruck, Grieskirchen and Braunau", dated 21 March 1946. Paragraph 1 of this Memo reads as follows: "On 21 March 1946, this office interviewed Gendarme DIETRICH, Wilhelm, who stated he had been sent on a Special Mission to Bezirk Grieskirchen by Military Government, Detachment E 1 A, Linz, Landhaus. DIETRICH demonstrated a pass which stated that he was employed by Linz Military Government, Special Branch Section, and authorized to search all official Austrian records, which document was signed by Maj. Robert D. Harris. DIETRICH stated that

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he had served as a Gendarme in Braunau, Upper Austria, Gaspolts-hofen, Bezirk Grieskirchen, Upper Austria (1938-1942); in Haag am Hausruck, Bezirk Grieskirchen, Upper Austria (1942-1943); in Galizia, Poland (July 1943 to March 1944) (now Russia). Was in hospitals at Galizia - Streg and Marienwald, Sudetenland until June 1944 with lung inflammation, and later worked on the first German defense line in Poland. DIETRICH stated that he had never been a member of the NSDAP, in fact had been expelled from the Gendarmes in Braunau for a short time early in 1938, by the Nazis, because of his past work against illegal Nazis in Bezirk Braunau, Upper Austria, in his capacity as Gendarme". This memorandum contains a considerable amount of information concerning the past activities of illegal Nazis in Haag am Hausruck and in Grieskirchen. This information was supplied by DIETRICH.

b. SOI, Land Salzburg, Case No. S-1999, Subject: "Swiss Intelligence Service Personalities", dated 1 June 1948. Source of this information is Informant HOSMANN, Evaluation: C-2. This report states that Willi DIETRICH, Austrian Police Official, assigned to the Land Gendarmerie Headquarters at Bregenz, is working for the Swiss Intelligence Service in the Austro-Swiss Border region.

AGENT'S NOTES:

It is the opinion of this Agent, that Wilhelm DIETRICH mentioned in Paragraph 3a above, is identical with Subject. However, it is doubtful if Subject is identical with Willi DIETRICH, mentioned in paragraph 3b above, since the name is very common and no additional information is given in the reference report. US personnel, formerly employed in Linz with Military Government, do not remember DIETRICH as an employee of Military Government, Landhaus, Linz. A discreet check with the Landesgendarmeriekommando for Upper Austria, conducted on 5 May 1950, revealed that personnel files of gendarmerie officials formerly employed in this area, are transferred with the official to the area where he is presently working.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION:

On the basis of paragraph 3a of this report, it is concluded that Subject is reliable and would probably be of considerable use to any US Intelligence Organization. It is recommended that this report be forwarded to all interested agencies.

FILE CHECK: See paragraph 3 above.

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